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**MINUTES
BUDGET, FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
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Friday, March 12, 2021; 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Zoom Videoconference

Present: Vice Chair Cathy Miller, Kyle Buchanan, Steve Jager, Kyle Buchanan, Matthew Schmitz, Evan Thornton (ex-officio) and Foundation Executive Director Kevin Haslam (ex-officio).

Not Present: Larry Bowser, Chuck Hunt and Lucy Trousdale

Staff Liaison: Gwen Patrick

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Vice Chair Miller welcomed new committee members and each member provided a brief introduction.

Vice Chair Miller reviewed minutes from the November 13, 2020 Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee meeting and recommended a change to the meeting start time from 9:05 a.m. to 9:35 a.m. Mr. Jager made a motion to approve the minutes with the time change. Evan Thornton provided a second and all members voted in favor.

Vice Chair Miller introduced Jeremy Blackburn with CDPA, PC and requested that he proceed to review the audited financial statements for the University of North Alabama Foundation, Inc. for the year ended September 30, 2020. Mr. Blackburn supplied a *Report to the Board of Directors* for the Committees review which described the Board of Director's responsibilities and his firm's responsibilities. He then proceeded to discuss how the firm used statistical sampling based on the Foundation's internal controls to examine the accounting records. Only one adjustment to the financial statements was required due to the timing of the payment of an invoice. The Uncorrected Misstatements in the *Report to the Board of Directors* referred to the difference between the Foundation's actuarial software (which calculates annuity liability) and the auditor's software. No adjustment to the financial statements was necessary due to this difference. Mr. Blackburn then reviewed the audited financial statements and the accompanying notes. The statements were issued with an unmodified opinion and he encountered no issues in preparing the statements. Mr. Buchanan made a motion to accept the audited financial statements as presented. Mr. Schmitz provided a second and all members voted in favor. During the presentation, Mr. Blackburn compared Fiscal Year 2020 Audited Financial Statements with Fiscal Year 2019 Audited Financial Statements. After discussion, the committee requested that comparative statements be issued in the future.

Executive Director Haslam then reviewed the Fiscal Year 2021 Development Goals with the committee. 42% of the Fiscal Year has elapsed and the Foundation has reached 87% of its annual goal as of March 4, 2021. \$4,558,761.62 has been raised versus a goal of \$5,210,301.00. Also, it was emphasized that there have been

1,193 unique donors versus a goal of 2,152 for the same time period. Mr. Schmitz asked how many of these unique donors were alumni and a discussion ensued regarding this topic.

Gwen Patrick proceeded to review the statement reflecting the Actual Unrestricted Income and Expenses to Budget as of January 31, 2021. Due to successful fundraising and market performance, it is expected that revenue will exceed the budgeted amount for the fiscal year. Expenses were below normal for the first quadrimester due to several holidays but have been increasing lately. Ms. Patrick also reviewed a Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Activities for January 31, 2021 which reflected market gains that increased Total Assets from the previous reporting period. The committee then discussed options for liquid investments due to a decline in interest rates on existing accounts.

Mr. Thornton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Schmitz provided a second and the meeting was adjourned at 10:31. a.m.